

Brief Description of the Drawings

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Detailed Description of the Invention

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please delete Claims 1-36, without prejudice, and substitute the following new claims 37-69 therefor:

37. A method of reading using a reading aid including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading, comprising positioning the cursor part by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, moving the cursor part selectively along the line and down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, and manipulating the handle part relative to the cursor part so that the handle part is maintained out of the reader's line of sight while the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text.

38. A method according to claim 37, and forming the handle part to be thin so that the handle part does not obscure the text being read.

39. A method according to claim 37, and forming the joint to permit substantial universal movement of the handle part relative to the cursor part.

40. A method according to claim 37 and configuring the joint to permit substantial universal movement of the handle part relative to the cursor part, but to restrict rotation of the

handle part with respect to the cursor part, about a longitudinal axis of the handle part.

41. A method according to claim 40, and providing the joint with a restraining part which is pivotally connected to the cursor part, and which cooperates with the handle part so as to restrict rotation of the handle part with respect to the cursor part, about a longitudinal axis of the handle part.

42. A method according to claim 37, and attaching the handle part approximately centrally along the length of the cursor part whereby the reader's eyes are encouraged to concentrate on the center of the text being read.

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43. A method according to claim 37, wherein the text is on a computer screen, or is printed text.

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44. A method according to claim 42, and applying the reading aid for reading a column in a newspaper or magazine, and forming the cursor part to be of a length substantially equal to the width of the column being read.

45. A method according to claim 37, and forming the cursor to have a length greater than two words of average length of the text being read.

46. A method according to claim 37, and further forming the reading aid to have separable handle and cursor parts, and selecting a cursor part from a set of cursor parts of different configuration and attaching the selected cursor part to the handle part.

47. A method according to claim 37, and forming the cursor part of the reading aid to be opaque, and positioning the opaque cursor part during reading beneath or above the word or group of words to be indicated.

48. A method according to claim 37, forming a portion of the cursor part to be transparent, and positioning the transparent portion of the cursor part relative to the text such that at least a portion of the line of text to be indicated is visible to the reader through the

transparent portion of the cursor part.

49. A method according to claim 37, and forming the cursor part to include a frame through which text may be read.

50. A method according to claim 37, and adjusting the length of the handle part to one of suit an individual reader and enable the length of the handle part to be extended from a retracted stowed position for use.

51. A method according to claim 37, and unfolding the cursor part from a stowed position in which the cursor part and handle part are substantially parallel, to a position for use where the cursor part extends at substantially right angles relative to the handle part.

52. A method according to claim 37, and forming the cursor part to include a pair of relatively foldable wings which may be folded so as to extend generally parallel to the handle part.

53. A method according to claim 37, and configuring the cursor part to form an image attractive to children.

54. A reading aid comprising a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part attached to the handle part and extending transversely thereto, the handle part and the cursor part being attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading.

55. An aid according to claim 54, and a writing implement integrally provided with the handle part.

56. An aid according to claim 55, wherein said writing point is provided at an end of the handle part remote from the cursor part.

57. An aid according to claim 55, wherein the handle part includes a main stem and a branch which includes the writing implement.

58. An aid according to claim 55, wherein the handle part includes a main stem and a branch, the main stem including the writing implement and the branch including the cursor part.

59. A reading aid according to claim 54, wherein the joint is configured to permit substantially universal movement of the handle part relative to the cursor part but restricts rotation of the handle part with respect to the cursor part about a longitudinal axis of the handle part.

60. A reading aid comprising a cursor part and a handle part, the cursor part being configured to form an image which may be attractive to children.

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61. A computer programmed to aid reading and train a reader, comprising means to display a cursor on a display screen of the computer concurrently with displaying on the display screen text to be read, the computer being further programmed to position the cursor to indicate a word or group of words of the line of the text being read and to move the cursor along the line during reading successively to indicate words.

62. A computer according to claim 61, wherein the cursor has a length greater than two words of average length of the text.

63. A computer according to claim 61, wherein the computer is programmed so that the speed at which the cursor is moved along the line of text or the number of words indicated may be changed as a reader's ability improves.

64. A computer according to claim 61 wherein the computer is programmed to move the cursor relative to the text being read in a predetermined path over the text as a whole in such manner as to improve the speed of reading.

65. A computer according to claim 61, wherein the cursor frames the indicated word or group of words and enlarges the text of the frame compared with the remaining text.